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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE D65-14-02

From: D65

To: D65 Division

Subj: DIVISION SPONSOR/CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

Ref: (a) SOP D65-14-01 Division Corrective and Preventive Actions (b) SOP D65-13-01 Division Control of Nonconforming Product

- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. To establish a system and provide instructions for the processing sponsor/customer complaints, and handling of products returned by sponsor/customers.
- 2. <u>Scope and Application</u>. This procedure applies to sponsor/customer complaints and returned products caused by problems with product quality, product support and servicing, and delivery.
- 3. <u>Policy</u>. The primary organizational point of contact for receipt of all sponsor/customer complaints is Division Quality Assurance (QA). Any complaints received by Branches and staff functions will be immediately routed to QA.
- 4. <u>Procedure</u>. The following procedures will be followed regarding receipt and handling of sponsor/customer complaints.
- a. <u>Receiving Sponsor/Customer Complaints</u> All mailed and faxed sponsor/customer complaints will be delivered to QA. Phone calls regarding complaints will also be routed to QA. Complaints received by phone will be documented in a memo to QA immediately after the conversation with the complaining sponsor/customer.
- b. Recording Sponsor/Customer Complaints All sponsor/customer complaints (including memos documenting complaints received by phone) are recorded in the Sponsor/Customer Complaints Log maintained by QA. The record includes the name of the sponsor/customer, reference to and/or description of the task\order, a short description of the nature of the complaint, and processing history of the complaint. Processing history of sponsor/customer complains and previous corrective actions taken are and will continue to be recorded in the Sponsor/Customer Complaints Log. This Log is located in the QA area.
- c. <u>Processing Sponsor/Customer Complaints</u> When a complaining sponsor/customer is also returning defective or otherwise unsuitable products, the complaint will be immediately reported to the cognizant ("owning") Program Manager and to QA. QA and the "corrective action"

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branch will evaluate and process the returned products in accordance with Procedure SOP-13-01, Control of Nonconforming Product, and report back the results of its investigation and corrective action taken, if required, to all internal persons involved and to the sponsor/customer. QA will prepare and send the response back to the sponsor/customer.

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